

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

GEORGIA M. SCOTT,

Plaintiff,

v.

JEFFERSON B. SESSIONS,  
Attorney General of the United States,

Defendant.

8:18CV00288

**PROTECTIVE ORDER**

This matter is before the Court on the parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Stipulated Protective Order ([Filing 13](#)). Upon a showing of good cause in support of the entry of a protective order to control the discovery and dissemination of confidential or proprietary information in this case (hereafter collectively referred to as "Confidential Information"),

**IT IS ORDERED:**

The parties' Joint Motion for Entry of Stipulated Protective Order ([Filing 13](#)) is granted.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:**

1. For purposes of this Order, the following categories of documents and information will generally be considered "Confidential Information" and subject to this Protective Order:

- Plaintiff's employment, medical or healthcare records;
- Plaintiff's tax records;
- Confidential or proprietary business information;
- Employment-related records of the Federal Bureau of Investigation "FBI" and employees or former employees other than Plaintiff; and
- Any other information protected by the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552a.

2. Confidential Information subject to this Protective Order may, depending on the content, be included in a variety of documents, including but not limited to, agency records,

documents produced pursuant to written discovery, answers to interrogatories, responses to requests for admission, deposition testimony, including all copies thereof, and other information disclosed in the context of discovery of this case by either party or disclosed pursuant to the discovery procedures created by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

3. Confidential Information shall be used by Plaintiff and her representative(s) only for the purpose of litigating this case, Georgia M. Scott v. Jefferson B. Sessions, 8:18CV00288, including any appeals, and shall not be disclosed by the Plaintiff or her representative(s) to the public or any other person or entity for any reason other than for purposes of litigating this case, including any appeals.

4. Confidential Information shall not, without the consent of the party producing it or further Order of the Court, be disclosed except that such information may be disclosed to:

- a. attorneys actively working on this case;
- b. any person who previously received or authored the materials;
- c. persons regularly employed or associated with the attorneys actively working on the case;
- d. Plaintiff;
- e. Defendant and Representatives of Defendant;
- f. treating medical providers, expert witnesses, and consultants retained in connection with this proceeding;
- g. mediators, facilitators, or other persons retained by the parties to assist in the resolution of this matter, and their staff;
- h. the Court and its employees (“Court Personnel”);
- i. stenographic reporters who are engaged in proceedings necessarily incident to the conduct of this action;
- j. deponents, witnesses, or potential witnesses; and

k. at hearings or trial, to the extent admissible.

5. Prior to disclosing any Confidential Information to any person listed above (other than counsel, Plaintiff, Defendant and representatives of Defendant, persons employed by counsel, mediators and facilitators, court personnel, and stenographic reporters), counsel shall inform such person that the document(s) being provided are subject to the Protective Order and such person shall be provided with a copy of this Protective Order and shall acknowledge their agreement to comply with the provisions of this Order by signing a copy of the attached acknowledgement form. Counsel will retain copies of the acknowledgement forms until such time as this litigation, including all appeals, is concluded.

6. Documents shall be designated as Confidential Information by counsel by placing or affixing on them (in a manner that will not interfere with their legibility) the following notice: **“CONFIDENTIAL”** or **“SUBJECT TO PROTECTIVE ORDER”** or a substantially similar designation. If the document did not originate from the party seeking to affix the Confidential Information label, or was not produced in this action by that party, the Confidential Information designation will occur upon written notice of that designation provided to all counsel of record within thirty (30) days after receipt of the information or document containing Confidential Information. Subject to the procedures in Paragraph 8, upon such notice the document will be treated as Confidential Information within the meaning of this Protective Order.

7. Whenever a deposition involves the disclosure of Confidential Information, the deposition or portions thereof shall be designated as confidential by counsel and shall be subject to the provisions of this Protective Order. Such designation shall be made on the record during the deposition whenever possible, but a party may designate portions of depositions as containing Confidential Information after transcription, provided written notice of the designation is promptly

given to all counsel of record within thirty (30) days after notice by the court reporter of the completion of the transcript.

8. A party may object to the designation of Confidential Information by giving written notice to the party designating the disputed information as Confidential Information. The written notice shall specifically identify the information to which the objection is made. If the parties cannot resolve the objection, it shall be the obligation of the party objecting to the designation as Confidential Information to file an appropriate motion requesting that the Court determine whether the disputed information should be subject to the terms of this Protective Order. Such motion must generally be filed within thirty (30) days after submitting written objection to the Confidential Information designation. If such a motion is timely filed, the disputed information shall be treated as Confidential Information under the terms of this Protective Order until the Court rules on the motion. In connection with a motion filed under this provision, the party designating the information as Confidential Information shall bear the burden of establishing that good cause exists for the designated information to be treated as Confidential Information.

9. Confidential Information may be filed with the Court to the extent reasonably necessary to support motions or other matters related to the litigation. If any Confidential Information must be filed with the Court, such Confidential Information shall be filed under seal, restricted access or redacted, as appropriate.

10. At the conclusion of this case, each document and all copies thereof which have been designated as Confidential Information shall be returned to the party designating them as confidential. The parties may agree to destroy documents containing Confidential Information by way of a mutually agreed-upon procedure.

11. A party or counsel may not unilaterally modify any document so as to remove it from the protections of this Protective Order. Any document subject to this Protective Order when produced will remain protected unless the parties agree in writing to remove the designation, or as otherwise ordered by the Court.

12. This Protective Order may be amended by written stipulation of the parties, or by the Court for good cause shown upon notice to all counsel and an opportunity to be heard.

13. This Protective Order does not constitute any ruling on the question of whether any document or information is properly discoverable and does not constitute any ruling on any potential objection to the relevance, admissibility, discoverability, or privileged status of any document or information.

14. Nothing in this Protective Order shall be construed to restrict or otherwise alter in any way the use of any federal government records by any federal agency in the ordinary course of business consistent with applicable statutes of regulations.

Dated this 28<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Susan M. Bazis  
United States Magistrate Judge

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF  
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I have been informed of, read, understand and agree to comply with, the provisions of the  
Stipulated Protective Order issued by the Court in this case.

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Signature

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Printed Name

November      , 2018  
Date